

REMARKS

This is a Supplemental Amendment to the Amendment filed April 23, 2008 and is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed December 31, 2007.

In this amendment, claims 1, 8, 13, 20 and 22 have been amended to include the term "76" to define the amino acid position in the claims. This amendment is supported by claim 22 and original claim 6.

No new matter has been added.

The following is a summary of the remarks submitted in the Amendment filed April 23, 2008.

Claims 1-5, 8-20 and 22 are pending in this application. Claims 3-6, 10, and 15-18 were cancelled with out prejudice. Claims 7 and 21 were previously cancelled.

Previously withdrawn claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 12-14 and 20 were amended to be commensurate in scope as allowable claim 22.

Claim 22 was added per the Examiner's suggestions. Claim 22 was supported by original claim 6.

The specification was objected to and claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for allegedly containing subject matter not described in the specification.

Furthermore, claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention.

Applicants respectfully submitted that new claim 22 as suggested by the Examiner obviated the rejections.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submitted that claim 22 was allowable.

Moreover, as noted in the Examiner's Restriction Requirement of June 20, 2006, where claims directed to the product are elected and found allowable, withdrawn process claims which include all of the limitations of the allowable product claims will be entered as a matter of right in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104.

Withdrawn process claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 12-14 and 20 were amended and commensurate in scope with allowable claim 22.

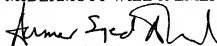
Therefore, it was and is respectfully requested that all process claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11-14, 19 and 20 be entered and allowed.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application, as amended above, is in condition for allowance, an early notification thereof being earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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